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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. European Patent Application No. 0 246 864 A2, dated November 25, 1987;
2. European Patent Application No. 0 466 367 A1, dated January 15, 1992;
3. International Publication No. WO 95/11995, published May 4, 1995;

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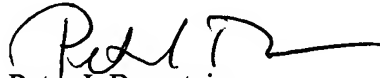
4. T.C.H. Hsuih, et al., "Novel, Ligation-Dependent PCR Assay for Detection of Hepatitis C Virus in Serum", *Journal of Clinical Microbiology* 501-507 (1996);
5. International Publication No. WO 98/04746, published February 5, 1998;
6. United States Patent No. 5,800,994, dated September 1, 1998, issued to Martinelli et al.;
7. International Publication No. WO 99/42614, published August 20, 1999;
8. International Publication No. WO 99/35287, published July 15, 1999;
9. United States Patent No. 5,935,793, dated August 1999, issued to Wong;
10. United States Patent No. 6,007,987, dated December 1999, issued to Cantor et al.; and
11. United States Patent No. 6,218,151, dated April 2001, issued to Cleuziat et al.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the above listed references are not provided, as references were previously submitted to the Examiner and references were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with parent case, U.S. Serial Number: 09/872,881 filed on June 1, 2001.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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